

*Stated Meeting, October 7, 1904.*

President SMITH in the Chair.

Dr. J. Chalmers DaCosta, a newly-elected member, was presented to the Chair, and took his seat in the Society.

The decease of the following members was announced:

Prof. William Henry Pettee, at Ann Arbor, Mich., on May 26, 1904, æt. 66.

Dr. Hermann Rollett, at Baden bei Wien, on May 30, 1904, æt. 85.

Prof. John B. Hatcher, at Pittsburgh, on July 4, 1904, æt. 45.

Alfred H. Allen, F.C.S., at Sheffield, Eng., on July 14, 1904, æt. 60.

Dr. Isaac Roberts, at Crowborough, Sussex, Eng., on July 17, 1904, æt. 75.

Hon. Robert E. Pattison, at Philadelphia, on August 1, 1904, æt. 54.

Matthew Huizinga Messchert, at Douglassville, Pa., on August 23, 1904, æt. 75.

Rev. Dr. Charles W. Shields, at Newport, R. I., on August 26, 1904, æt. 80.

The following papers were read:

"Is Abraham Historical?" by Dr. Albert T. Clay, presented by the President.

"The Morphological Superiority of the Female Sex," by Thomas H. Montgomery, Jr.

"The Morphology of the Skull of the Pelycosaurian Genus, *Dimetrodon*," by Prof. E. C. Case, presented by the Secretaries.